Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for archiving a markup language document comprising at least one referenced resource and a storage device for storing at least one referenced resource, the method comprising the steps of:

storing the markup language document in the storage device;

providing the markup language document to an indexer for identifying at least one referenced resource in the markup language document;

determining, by examining with the indexer an index file containing references to previously identified and stored resources, if the at least one identified referenced resource is stored in the storage device; and

in response to an unsuccessful determining step, <u>adding a reference to the at</u> <u>least one identified referenced resource to the index file and</u> storing the at least one identified referenced resource in the storage device; <u>and</u>

in response to a successful determining step, not storing the at least one identified referenced resource in the storage device for a second time.

 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the indexer is configured to identify the at least one referenced resource in the markup language document by the identifying step comprises:

parsing at least one tag contained within the <u>markup language</u> document, wherein each tag corresponds to a referenced resource.

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3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining comprises:

performing a query on the storage device to determine a match between each identified referenced resource in the <u>markup language</u> document and the referenced resources stored in the storage device.

- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein, if a match is found, the identified referenced resource is not stored again in the storage device.
- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein one version of a referenced resource is stored in the data store storage device.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein an identified referenced resource is selected from the group consisting of a style sheet, a data type definition file, and an image.
- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language document comprises an <u>extensible markup language (XML) XML</u> document.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A computer program product directly loadable into the internal memory of a digital computer, comprising software code portions for performing, when said product is run on a computer, the method as claimed in claim 4 a method for

archiving a markup language document comprising at least one referenced resource, comprising:

storing the markup language document in a storage device;

providing the markup language document to an indexer for identifying at least one referenced resource in the document;

determining, by examining with the indexer an index file containing references to previously identified and stored resources, if the at least one identified referenced resource is stored in the storage device;

in response to an unsuccessful determining step, adding a reference to the at least one identified referenced resource to the index file and storing the at least one identified referenced resource in the storage device; and

in response to a successful determining step, not storing the at least one identified referenced resource in the storage device for a second time.

Claims 9-16 (Cancelled).